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Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (currently amended) An assembly for a mobile terminal, comprising:
a chassis, wherein said chassis comprises a continuous first locking perimeter and a continuous second locking perimeter;
a first elastomeric covering capable of being removably secured to said chassis at said first locking perimeter, wherein said first covering comprises a first locking edge for securing said first covering to said chassis by interlocking said first locking edge and said first locking perimeter,
wherein a portion of said covering defines a cavity adapted to receive a portion of said chassis,
and
wherein said chassis and said covering are adapted to interlock by said covering overlapping said chassis and said portion of said chassis being disposed in said cavity of said covering;
a second elastomeric covering capable of being removably secured to said chassis at said second locking perimeter, wherein said second covering comprises a second locking edge for securing said second covering to said chassis by interlocking said second locking edge and said second locking perimeter; and
an electronic device retained by said chassis.
2. (cancelled)
3. (currently amended) The assembly of claim 21, wherein said first covering defines a circumscribed void there through.
4. (currently amended) The assembly of claim 21, wherein said first covering comprises a plurality of actuators that selectively engage said electronic device.
5. (original) The assembly of claim 4, wherein said first covering defines a circumscribed void there through.
6. (original) The assembly of claim 5, further comprising a display window disposed in said void.

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7. (original) The assembly of claim 4, wherein each of said actuators comprises a keymat plunger.

8. (original) The assembly of claim 4, wherein said first covering comprises grooves between at least two of said actuators.

9. (original) The assembly of claim 4, wherein said plurality of actuators provide interface control of said electronic device.

10. (canceled)

11. (original) The assembly of claim 4, wherein said plurality of actuators define at least a numeric keypad.

12. (original) The assembly of claim 11, wherein said first covering comprises grooves between rows of said actuators defining a numeric keypad.

13. (original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein said first locking perimeter and said first locking edge define a convex surface.

14. (original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein said first locking perimeter and said first locking edge define a concave surface.

15. (original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein said first locking edge extends outwardly from said chassis and said first locking perimeter to define a ridge at the intersection of said first locking edge and said first locking perimeter.

16. (currently amended) The assembly of claim 21, wherein said chassis defines a convex groove between said first and second locking perimeters.

17. (original) The assembly of claim 16, further comprising at least one of a bracelet and a wrap in said groove.

18. (currently amended) The assembly of claim 21, wherein said first locking perimeter and said second locking perimeter define a convex groove.

19. (original) The assembly of claim 18, further comprising at least one of a bracelet and a wrap in said groove.

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20. (currently amended) The assembly of claim 21, wherein said first locking perimeter, said second locking perimeter, said first locking edge, and said second locking edge define a convex groove.

21. (original) The assembly of claim 20, further comprising at least one of a bracelet and a wrap in said groove.

22. (previously presented) An interlocking body cover, comprising:
a membrane with a first surface and a second surface, an inner section, and an outer perimeter;
and

an elastomeric locking edge along said outer perimeter directed downwardly from said second surface and towards said inner section, wherein said elastomeric locking edge is configured to be removably secured to an interlocking chassis without disassembly of the chassis

wherein said elastomeric locking edge is configured to be removably secured to an interlocking chassis without disassembly of the chassis,

wherein said cover is adapted to overlap said interlocking chassis, and

wherein a portion of said cover defines a cavity adapted to receive a portion of said chassis such that said portion of said interlocking chassis is disposed in said cavity of said cover.

23. (original) The interlocking body cover of claim 22, wherein at least part of said membrane is a translucent material.

24. (original) The interlocking body cover of claim 22, wherein at least one of said membrane and said locking edge is a multicolored material.

25. (original) The interlocking body cover of claim 22, wherein said membrane defines a circumscribed void there through.

26. (original) The interlocking body cover of claim 25, further comprising a display window disposed in said void.

27. (original) The interlocking body cover of claim 22, wherein said second surface defines a flexible keymat.

28. (original) The interlocking body cover of claim 27, wherein said keymat comprises a plurality of actuators.

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29. (original) The interlocking body cover of claim 28, wherein said keymat comprises grooves between at least two of said actuators.

30. (original) The interlocking body cover of claim 28, wherein said plurality of actuators define at least a numeric keypad.

31. (original) The interlocking body cover of claim 30, wherein said keymat comprises grooves between rows of said actuators defining a numeric keypad.

32. (currently amended) An interlocking chassis for a mobile terminal, comprising: a rigid circumferential frame with an outer surface, an inner surface, a first surface, a second surface, a front edge, and a rear edge, wherein said front edge comprises a continuous first locking perimeter, and wherein said rear edge comprises a continuous second locking perimeter, wherein said frame is configured to have an elastomeric locking edge of a first membrane removably secured to the first locking perimeter and to have an elastomeric locking edge of a second membrane removably secured to the second locking perimeter without disassembly of the frame.

33. (original) The interlocking chassis of claim 32, further defining a concave groove along said outer surface of said circumference.

34. (original) The interlocking chassis of claim 32, further comprising an inner structure attached to said circumferential frame at said inner surface for securely retaining components of an electronic device.

35. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 1, wherein said first locking edge extends outwardly from said chassis and said first locking perimeter to define a discontinuous intersection of said first locking edge and said first locking perimeter.

36. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 1, wherein said first locking edge extends outwardly from said chassis and said first locking perimeter to define a neutral intersection of said first locking edge and said first locking perimeter.

37. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 1, wherein said first locking edge extends outwardly from said chassis and said first locking perimeter to define a continuous intersection of said first locking edge and said first locking perimeter.

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38. (currently amended) An assembly for a mobile terminal, comprising:
a chassis, wherein said chassis comprises a continuous first locking perimeter,
a first ~~elastomeric covering~~ elastomeric membrane capable of being removably secured to said chassis at said first locking perimeter, wherein said first ~~elastomeric membrane~~ elastomeric membrane comprises a first locking edge for securing said first ~~elastomeric membrane~~ elastomeric membrane to said chassis by locking said first locking edge and said first locking perimeter; and
an electronic device retained by said chassis,
wherein said chassis further comprises a continuous second locking perimeter, further comprising:
a second ~~elastomeric membrane~~ elastomeric membrane for removably securing to said chassis at said second locking perimeter, wherein said second ~~elastomeric membrane~~ elastomeric membrane comprises a second locking edge for securing said second ~~elastomeric membrane~~ elastomeric membrane to said chassis by locking said second locking edge and said second locking perimeter.

39. (currently amended) An assembly for a mobile terminal, comprising:
a chassis, wherein said chassis comprises a continuous first locking perimeter,
a first ~~elastomeric covering~~ elastomeric membrane capable of being removably secured to said chassis at said first locking perimeter, wherein said first ~~elastomeric membrane~~ elastomeric membrane comprises a first locking edge for securing said first ~~elastomeric membrane~~ elastomeric membrane to said chassis by interlocking said first locking edge and said first locking perimeter; and
an electronic device retained by said chassis,
wherein said chassis further comprises a continuous second locking perimeter, further comprising:
a second ~~elastomeric membrane~~ elastomeric membrane for removably securing to said chassis at said second locking perimeter, wherein said second ~~elastomeric membrane~~ elastomeric membrane comprises a second locking edge for securing said second ~~elastomeric membrane~~ elastomeric membrane to said chassis by interlocking said second locking edge and said second locking perimeter.

40. (currently amended) The assembly of claim 39, wherein said first elastomeric membrane ~~covering~~ defines a circumscribed void there through.

41. (currently amended) The assembly of claim 2, wherein said first elastomeric membrane ~~covering~~ comprises a plurality of actuators that selectively engage said electronic device.

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42. (currently amended) The assembly of claim 41, wherein said first elastomeric membrane covering defines a circumscribed void there through.

43. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 42, further comprising a display window disposed in said void.

44. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 41, wherein each of said actuators comprises a keymat plunger.

45. (currently amended) The assembly of claim 41, wherein said first elastomeric membrane covering comprises grooves between at least two of said actuators.

46. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 41, wherein said plurality of actuators provide interface control of said electronic device.

47. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 41, wherein said plurality of actuators define at least a numeric keypad.

48. (currently amended) The assembly of claim 47, wherein said first elastomeric membrane covering comprises grooves between rows of said actuators defining a numeric keypad.

49. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 39, wherein said chassis defines a convex groove between said first and second locking perimeters.

50. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 49, further comprising at least one of a bracelet and a wrap in said groove.

51. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 39, wherein said first locking perimeter and said second locking perimeter define a convex groove.

52. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 51, further comprising at least one of a bracelet and a wrap in said groove.

53. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 39, wherein said first locking perimeter, said second locking perimeter, said first locking edge, and said second locking edge define a convex groove.

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54. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 53, further comprising at least one of a bracelet and a wrap in said groove.